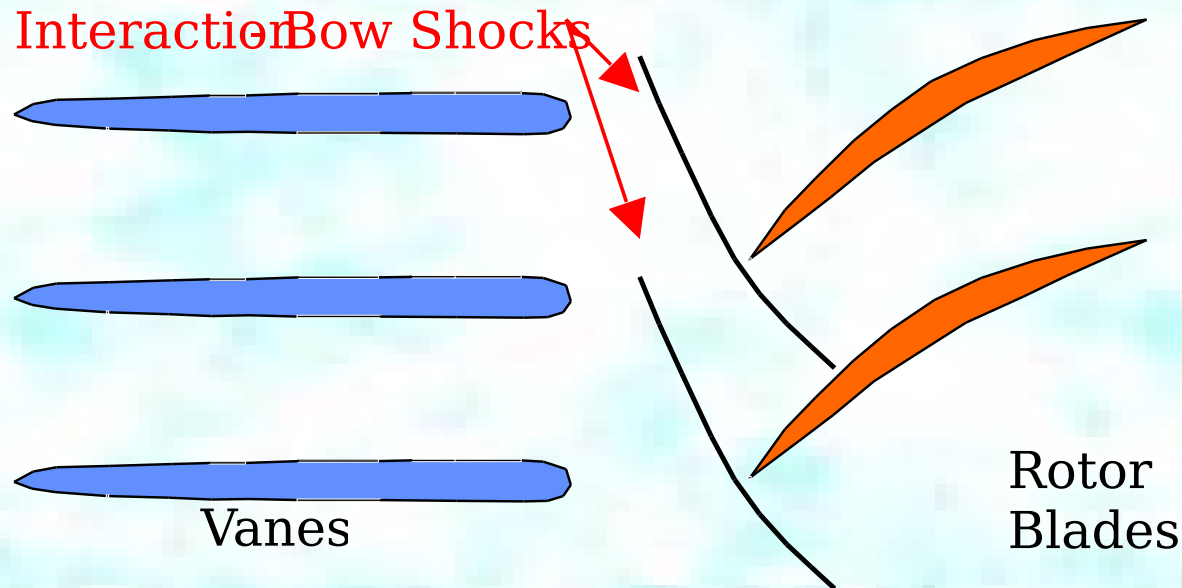


# High Spatial Resolution MEMS Surface Pressure Sensor Array for Transonic Compressor IGV Measurement

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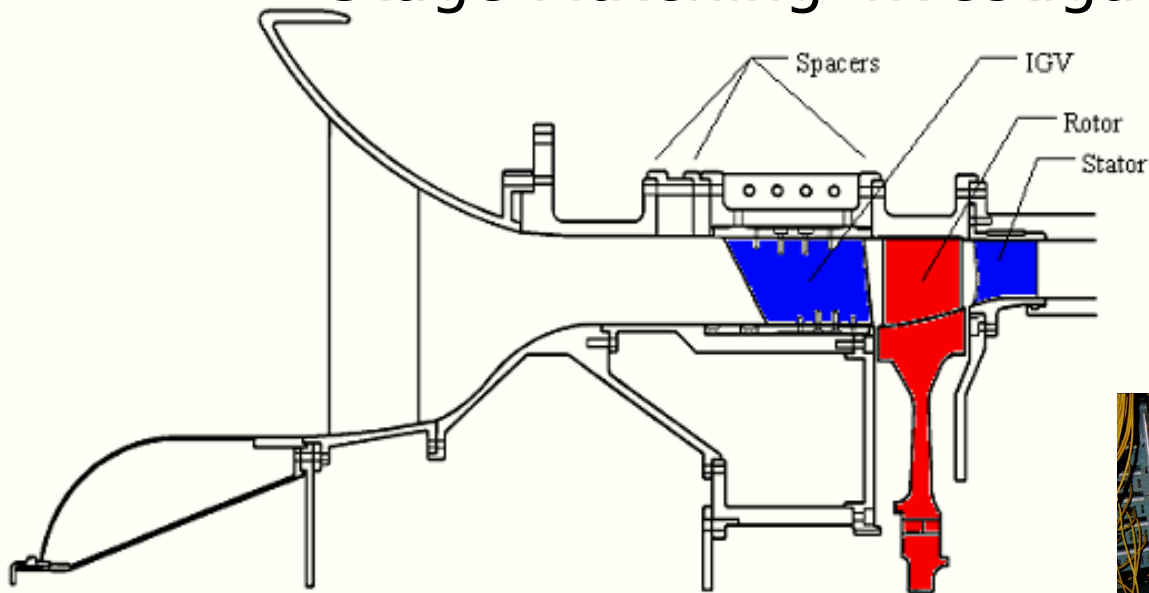
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- Forced response is an important component of HCF analysis
  - Vane/blade interaction a principal cause of unsteady aerodynamics
  - Detailed measurements required to determine flow physics
- Shock interaction is a main driver in unsteady aerodynamics
  - Insight into bow shock flow physics is needed
  - Shock/boundary layer interaction in end-wall region is unknown
- MEMS technology is utilized to understand flow physics
  - Increased economical measurement resolution required
  - Decreased installation expense due to MEMS flex circuit technology



- Bow shocks are the primary unsteady driver
- High spatial & frequency resolution data is required to understand the complicated flow physics involved

## Compressor Aero Research Laboratory (CARL) Stage Matching Investigation (SMI) Rig

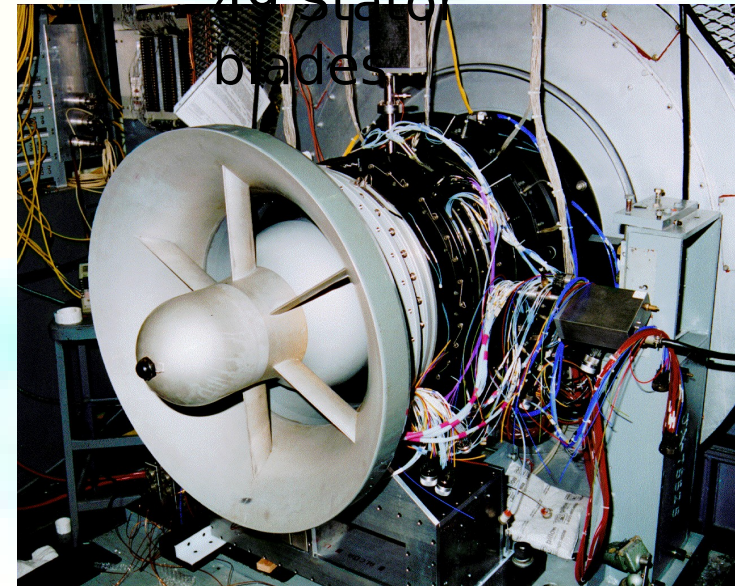


12, 24, 40  
IGV's

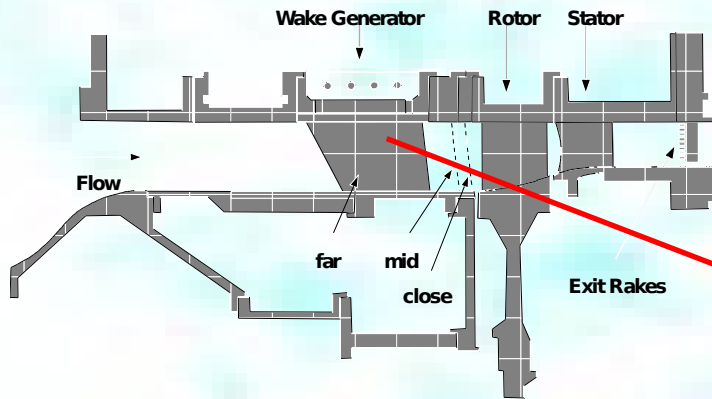
33 Rotor  
blades

49 Stator  
blades

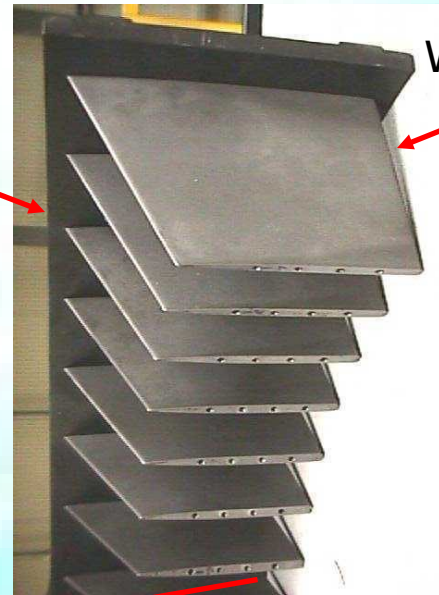
3 possible IGV/Rotor spacings:  
12, 26, 56% IGV Chord  
(0.36", 0.75", 1.68")



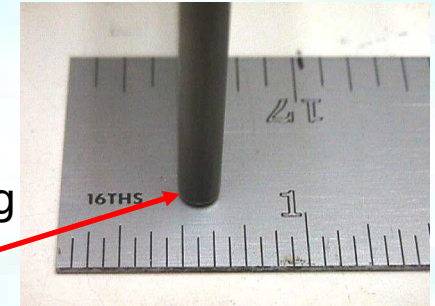
# Inlet Guide Vane (IGV)



40-Strut Configuration



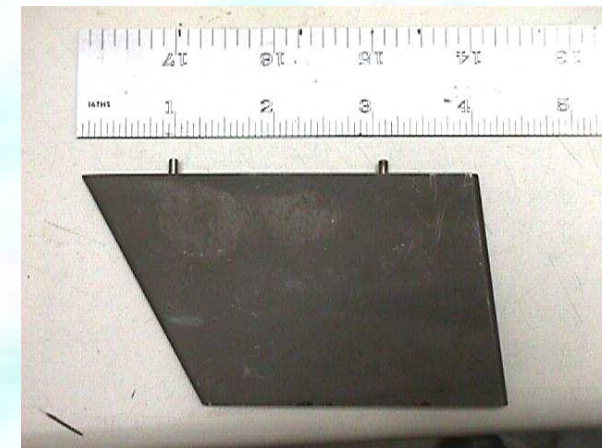
WG Trailing Edge



Trailing Edge Thickness at Mid Chord  
0.06

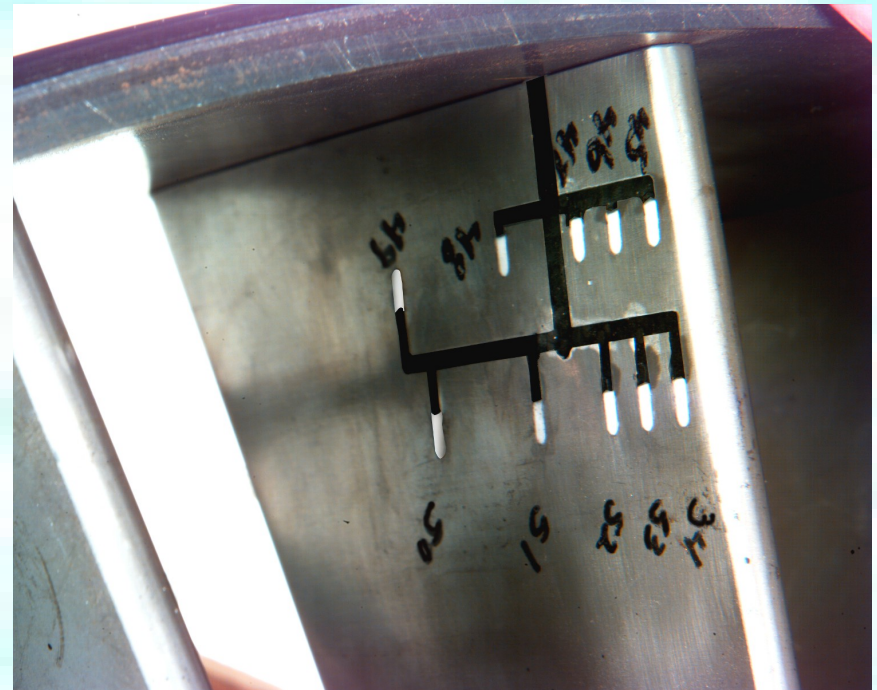
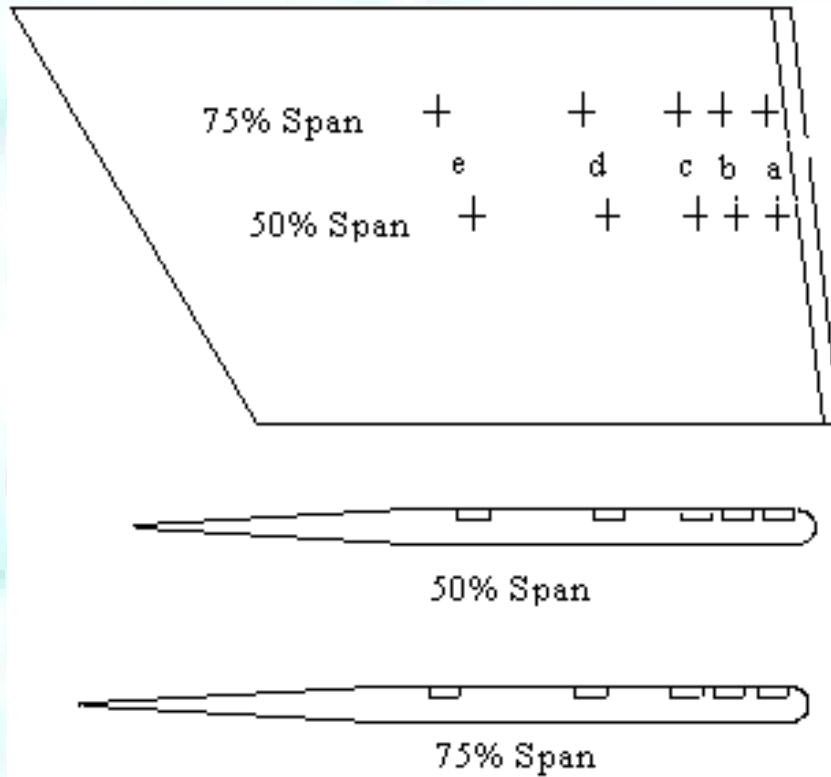


Airfoil Cross Section Hub





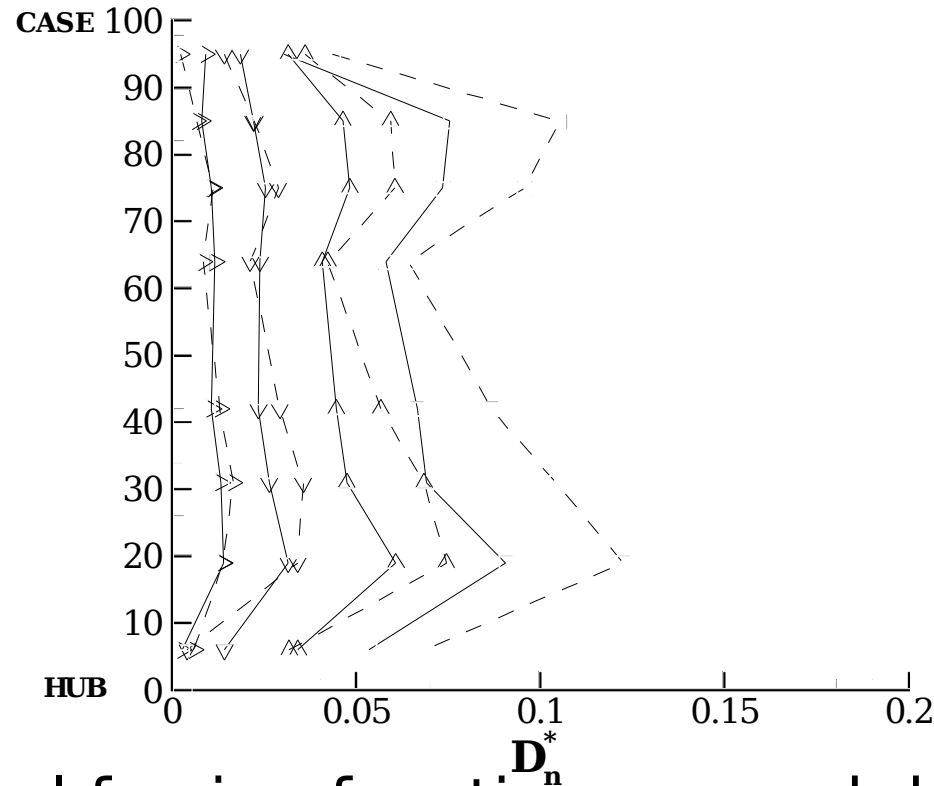
# Previous Instrumentation



- 10 Kulite LQ-125 pressure transducers
- 25 psia
- 95%, 89%, 83%, 70%, 50% chordwise locations
- \$25,000

Probasco et al. 1997

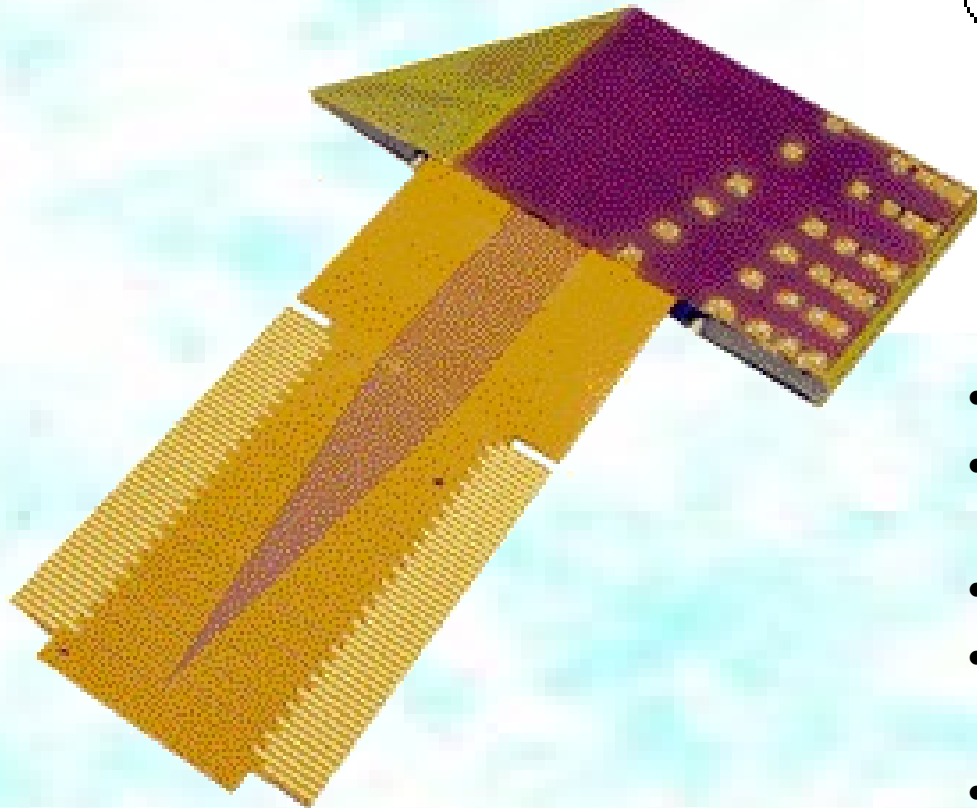
# 3-D Flow Field



- Vortical forcing function research by Koch et al. 2000 demonstrates the 3-D nature of flow in the SMI rig



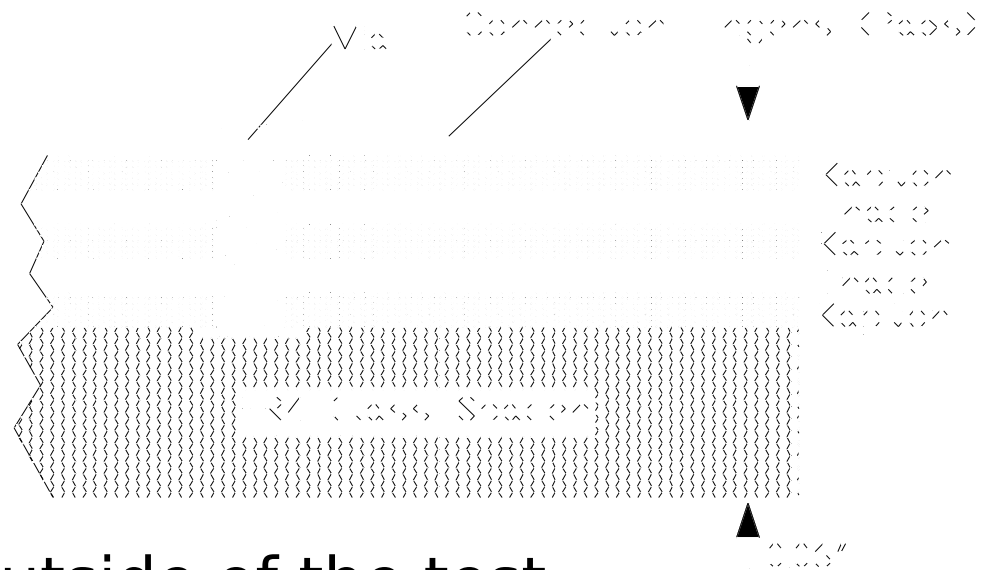
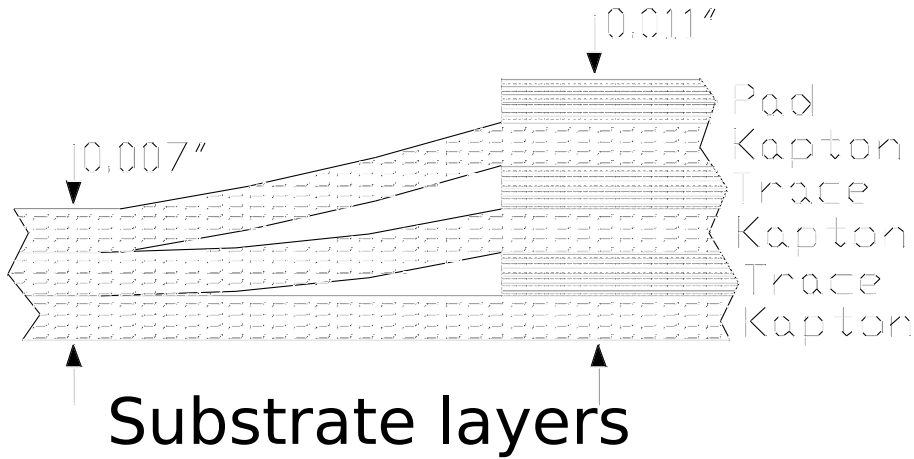
# MEMS Sensor Array



95% Span	•	•	•	•	•
80% Span	•	•	•	•	•
65% Span	•	•	•	•	•
50% Span	•	•	•	•	•
25% Span	•	•	•	•	•
5% Span	•	•	•	•	•

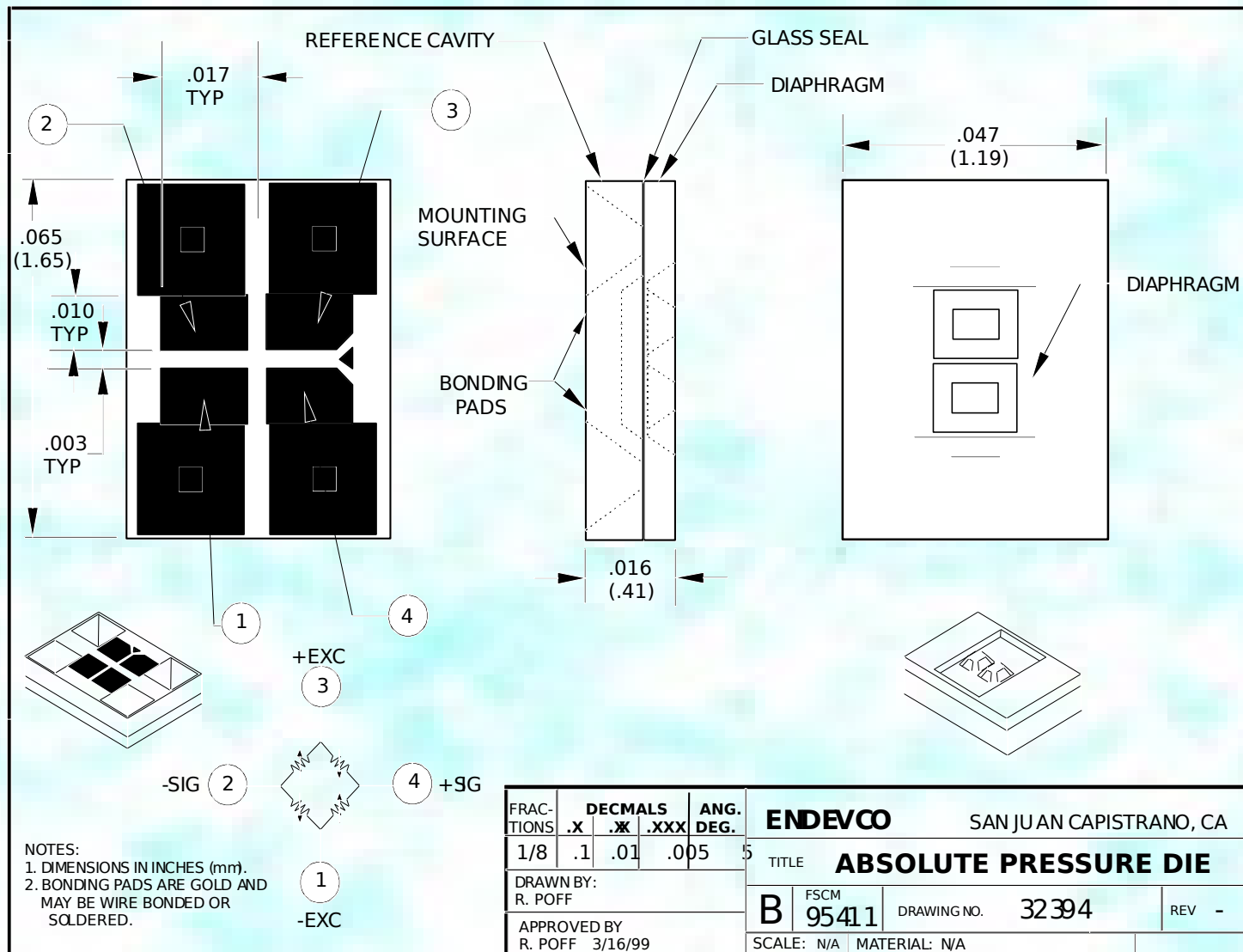
- 30 Sensors - 15 psia
- 3-layer flex circuit substrate ~ 0.01" thick
- ~ 0.03" total thickness
- 95%, 90%, 85%, 77%, 60% chordwise locations
- \$40,000

# Flex Circuit Substrate

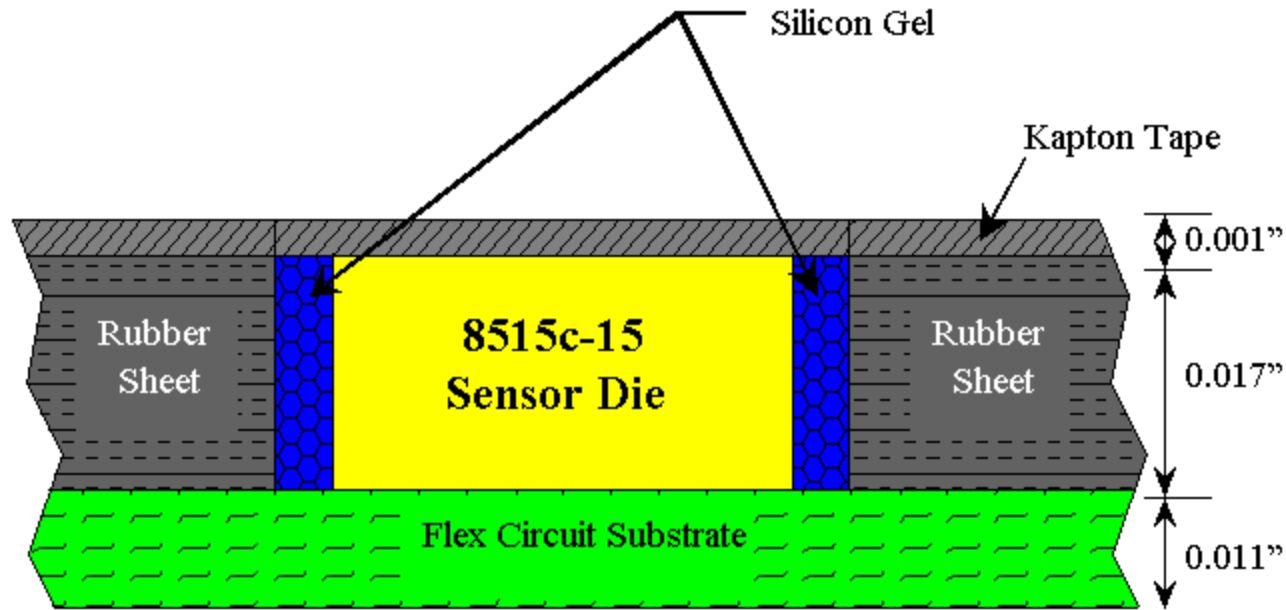


Outside of the test section

# Pressure Transducer Dies

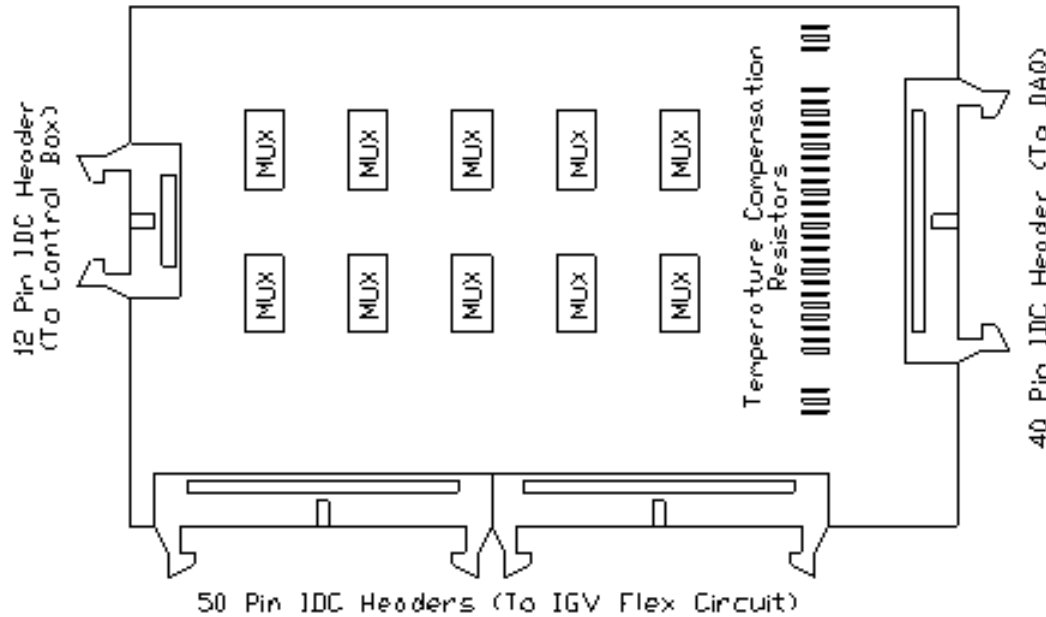


# Sensor Application



- 30 mil slot machined in IGV
- Rubber sheet fills between sensor dies
- Silicon gel & kapton tape used to contour surface

# Multiplexed Array

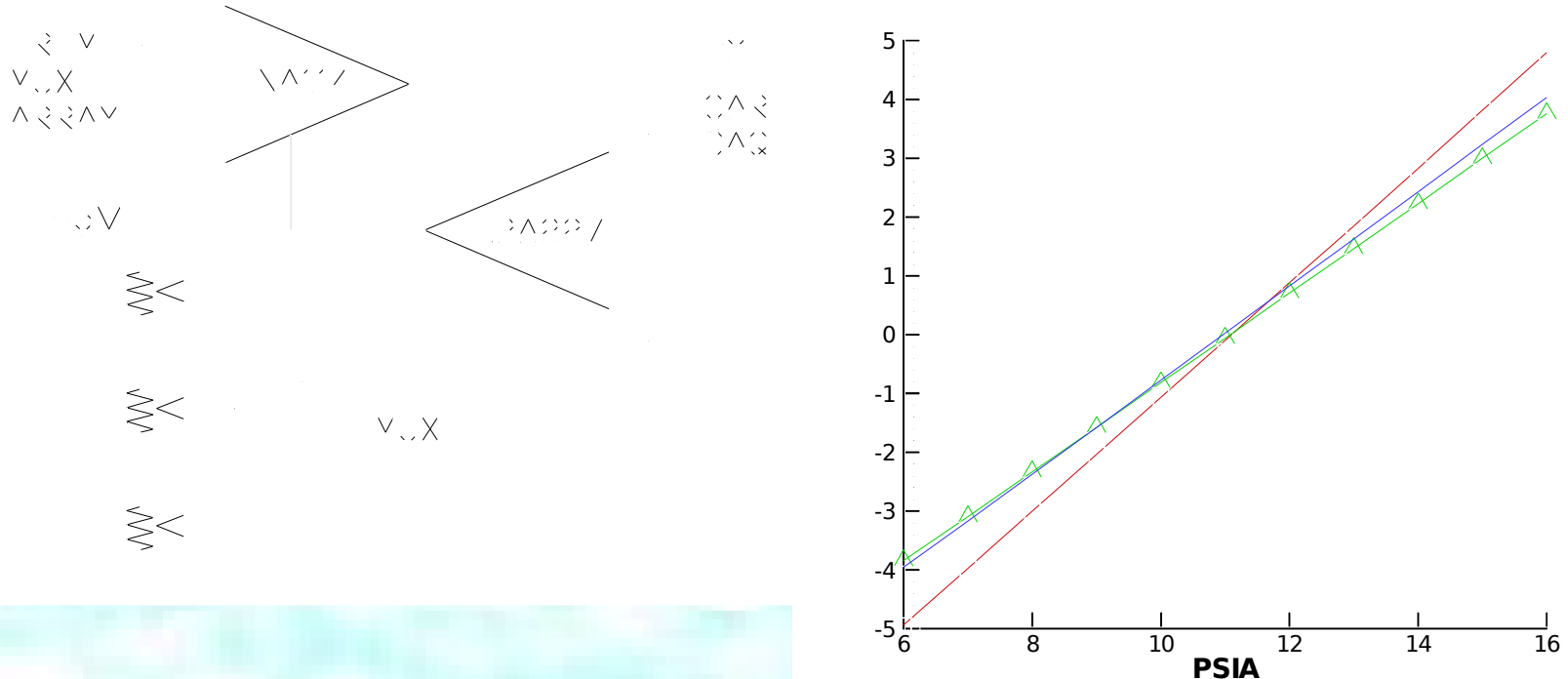


- 2-Board design (stackable)
- 10 MUX/board
- Incorporates thermal compensation resistors
- Remotely controllable



95% Span	□ □ □ □ □	Shroud Region A0=0, A1=1
80% Span	□ □ □ □ □	
65% Span	□ □ □ □ □	Core Region A0=1, A1=0
50% Span	□ □ □ □ □	
25% Span	□ □ □ □ □	Hub Region A0=1, A1=1
5% Span	□ □ □ □ □	

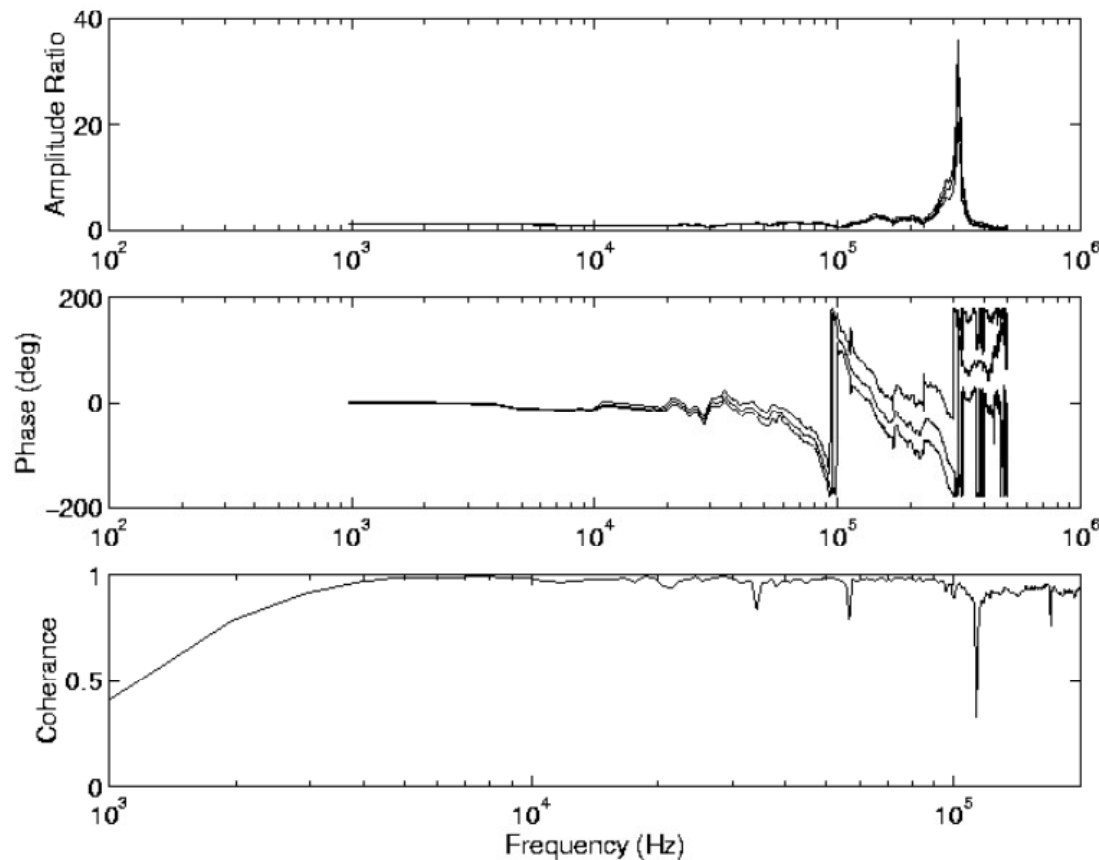
# Trimmer Circuit &



- Incorporation of the trimmer circuits allowed for a full DC signal to be obtained with the existing CARL DAQ system
- Static calibration showed excellent linearity of the MEMS pressure sensor array system

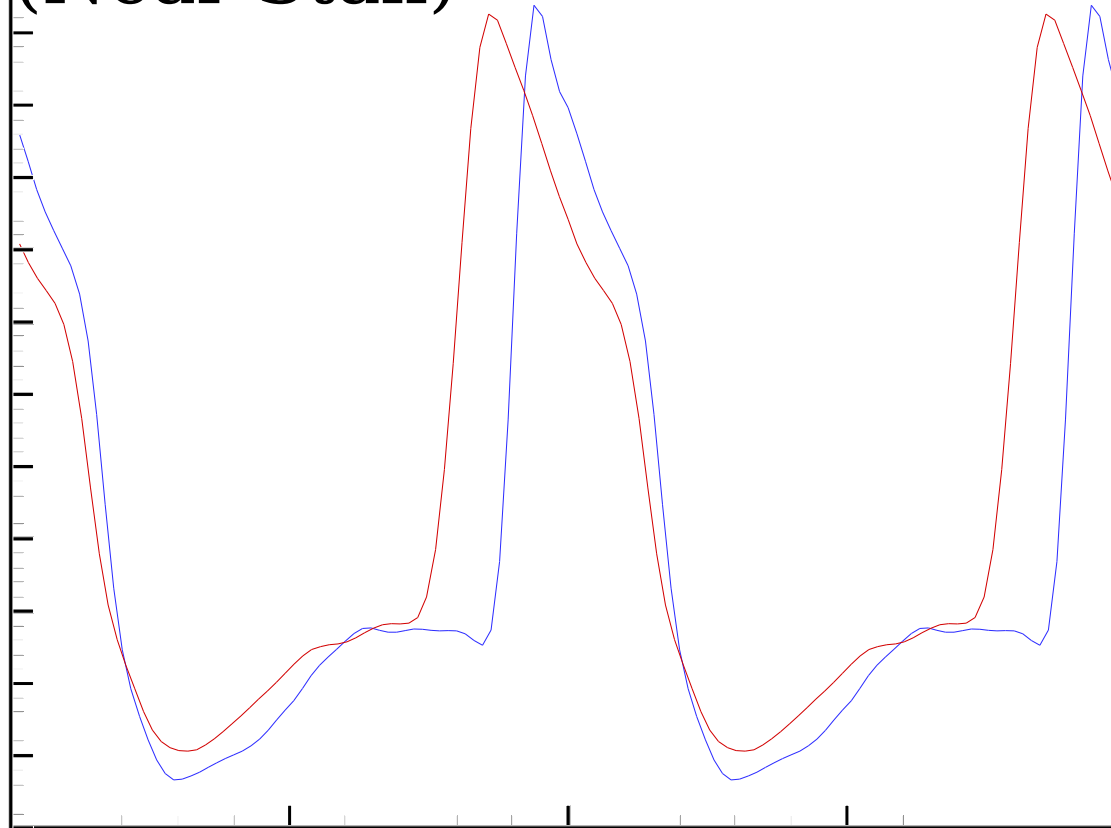


# Dynamic Calibration



- WSU Shock Tube Testing
- Usable Frequency BW 30 kHz

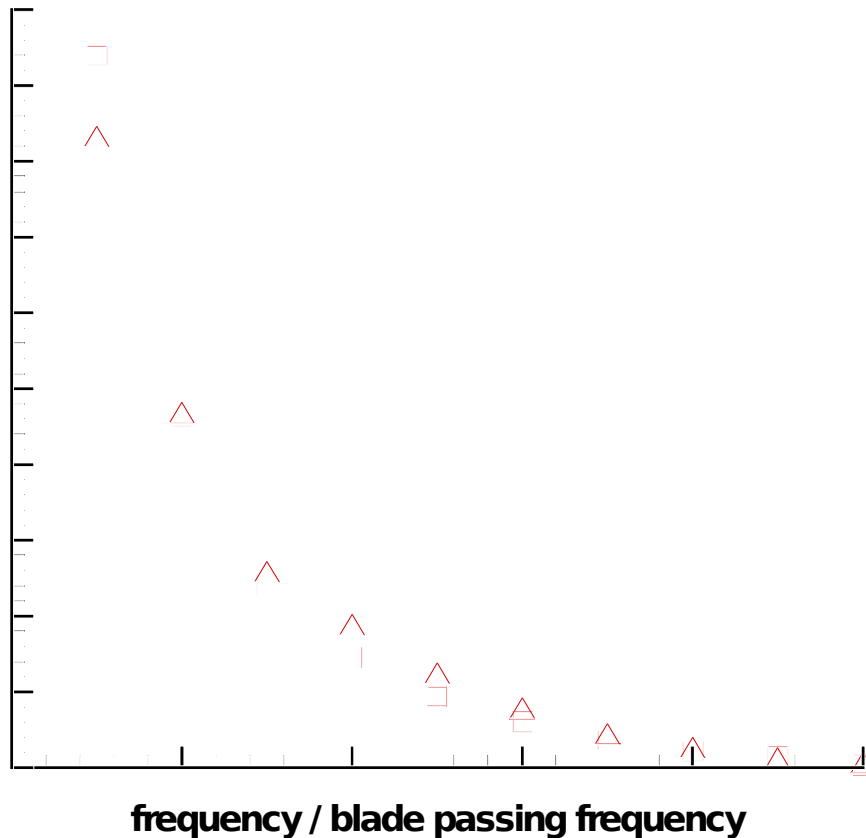
50% Span, 95% Chord, 105% Speed  
(Near Stall)



time / blade passing period

- Favorable agreement with previous sensor data
- Slight phase shift caused by annular shift in physical sensor location

# Preliminary Measurements



- 50% Span, 90% Chord, 105% Speed
- 8% variation in 1st harmonic amplitude
- Differences caused by uncertainty in matching test conditions with different ambient conditions

- MEMS Sensors Designed and Installed
  - 2 IGV blades instrumented - 60 total sensors
  - High spatial and temporal resolution
  - AC and DC pressure components obtained
- High-speed transonic compressor unsteady aerodynamics data
  - Excellent agreement with previous traditional sensors
  - Tip region flow physics including shock/boundary layer interaction measured
  - Spacing and throttle position influences were measured